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SUBJECT: ABOUSFIAN ABDELRAZIK IS WELCOME TO RETURN TO  
CANADA... IF HE CAN GET THERE

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Classified By: Eric Benjaminson, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) On March 17, Katherine Burke, Senior Policy Advisor, International Crime and Terrorism, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade told Econoff that Abousfian Abdelrazik, a Canadian and Sudanese dual citizen currently living in the Canadian Embassy in Khartoum, has not run afoul of any Canadian laws. Therefore, if he were to step off of an airplane in Canada it would be the Government of Canada's obligation to allow him to enter the country.

[1](#)2. (C) Canadian media outlets report that concerned Canadian citizens have raised money and purchased Mr. Abdelrazik a ticket for an April 3 flight on Etihad Airlines from Khartoum to Toronto via Abu Dhabi. Burke said that the ticket has allegedly already been given to Mr. Abdelrazik. However, because he is subject to a travel ban by the United Nations 1267 committee and is on the USG no-fly list, it is not clear that Abdelrazik will be allowed to board his flight. Burke said that the airline will not tell Canadian officials if they plan to let Abdelrazik board the plane on April 3.

[1](#)2. (C) Burke stated that, generally speaking, Canadian citizens in Abdelrazik's situation qualify for an emergency passport that allows only for travel back to Canada. Canadian privacy laws prevented Burke from commenting on whether Mr. Abdelrazik has applied for such a document. However, she commented that she is not aware of anything about his situation that would prevent him from receiving such a document should he request one.

[1](#)3. (C) Burke said that if Abdelrazik were in Canada, the Government of Canada would consider it their obligation to ensure that he did not violate the UN travel ban.

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